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Reference for failing to show possession of the invention. Although Applicant considers

facts showing preparation of a patent application claiming the present invention proof

that Applicant had possession of the invention prior to the reference date, a

Supplemental Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 is submitted herewith. The Declaration

sets forth facts sufficient to show conception of the invention prior to the effective date

of Itoh, 8/8/96, coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective date of Itoh to the

filing date of the present application (constructive reduction to practice).

Applicant's arguments from the prior Amendment are hereby incorporated by

reference. It is submitted that the primary reference, Parulski, in combination with the

other cited references, fail to teach or suggest the claimed features of the present

invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that independent the claims are allowable

over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration

and passage to issue of claims 1-9 and 11-13.

Applicants' attorney believes that this Application is in condition for allowance.

Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants'

attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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